(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Siphoning Government Grant by Non-existent NGOs

2149. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the evaluation studies on Central Sector Scheme of Creche/Day Care Centre have found that Government grant is siphoned by non-existent NGOs;

(b) if so, the details of such studies, the names of the evaluating agencies, major findings and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whether the evaluating agencies have provided comprehensive revised application forms and guidelines as well as evaluation indicators to revise the scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) The Department of Women and Child Development commissioned a study on Creches/Day Care Centres in the States of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Orissa. One of the findings was that some creches could not be located.

(b) The study was undertaken by an NGO namely, SANKALP, New Delhi. Some of the major findings of the study are:

1. Around one fifth of the creche units/day care centres in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and West Bengal were not physcially functioning at the addresses indicated as the location of the service under the scheme;

2. 40.8 percent of the implementing agencies are found to have annual income/receipts of less than Rs. 3 lakhs;

3. Women's participation in the governance of the implementing agencies is abysmally low;

4. More than half of the working mothers of beneficiary children are engaged in agriculture labour and cultivation;

5. Majority of the creche units are being run in semi pucca structures;

6. 61.3 percent of the creche workers are untrained. Amongst the trained creche workers, only 23.9 percent have undergone training conducted by governmental or specialized agencies or completed relevant recognized courses;

7. Almost all the implementing agencies are of the view that the existing grant-in-aid needs revision to make the scheme optimally functional.

The Department deputed officers to the states of UP, AP, MP and Maharashtra to find out the factual position. 103 creches were inspected out of which 101 creches were found running, in these states, though in different locations for which funding was being done. Effective monitoring mechanisms have been set up by the implementing agencies of this Scheme *viz*, Central Social Welfare Board, Indian Council for Child Welfare and Bhartiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh and are being reviewed regularly by Government.

(c) The evaluating agency has recommended that application forms, guidelines and financial norms be revised.

(d) The study recommends upgradation of financial norms under the scheme and strengthening of monitoring system. These are amongst other recommendations that are receiving the highest attention of the Government.

Setting up of a New University in Orissa

2150. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Orissa propose to set up a new university over a plot of land of 100 acres entailing an outlay of Rs. 50 million for meeting the expenses;

(b) whether this would be a new knowledge-based University and Centre would provide financial aid to help the State in the matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?